

J. E. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.
Mon., 29th May, 1891.

MORE QUESTIONS.

Mr. Whitehead—I beg to give notice of several questions that I propose to ask at the next meeting of Council:—

With reference to the explanation given by His Excellency Sir G. William des Vieux at the Council meeting held on 30th April last in connection with the payment of the arrears of the Military Contribution for 1890 without the sanction of the Council, will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the telegram or telegrams from the Secretary of State on the authority of which the money was paid.

Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Despatches, referred to in the Acting Colonial Secretary's letter of 13th inst. to the Hon. P. Ryrie, received from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies conveying His Lordship's views and instructions on regard to the increased salaries voted in the 1891 Estimates and state the date on which the same were received, also a copy of Governor Sir G. William des Vieux's telegram dated 25th ult. to the Secretary of State referred to in the said letter together with a copy of the telegram received from the Secretary of State in reply.

Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Despatch dated 29th September last of His Excellency the Officer then Administering the Government to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies in connection with the proposed Share Sale Regulation Bill and a copy of the Secretary of State's Despatch in reply.

NEW ORDINANCES.

On the motion of the Attorney-General seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the Council agreed to the following:—

First reading of a Bill to give the same validity to Ordinances 18 and 19 of 1884 as if they had been proclaimed to come into force on September 23rd, 1884. These are private Ordinances authorizing certain wharf enterprises, but by some oversight no proclamation was made at the time when they were understood to come into force, and it is now sought to cover the error.

First reading of a Bill entitled the Port Protection Ordinance, prohibiting the admission into the forts in this Colony of any person not having an order, not being a soldier.

First reading of a Bill to provide against abuses connected with the erection of public latrines, necessitating the written sanction of the Sanitary Board.

First reading of a Bill to amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1887, two sections being altered.

Second reading of the Bill to provide for the making of a table of fees to be taken in connection with the grant of letters patent in this Colony.

The Attorney General said that in England and in all the Colonies with which he was acquainted, where letters patent are granted for protecting patents, it was usual to have a fixed scale of fees, which went into the Treasury. When he came to look into the system here he found that there was no explicit provision for the payment of such fees into the Treasury. It seemed to him that that was a right and proper source of revenue, and it must have been by accident that this was omitted. He therefore begged to move the second reading of this Bill, by which the Governor in Council might make a table of fees, which must be published in the *Gazette*. He presumed there would be no objection to this bill.

On the bill being read a second time the Attorney-General moved and the Colonial Treasurer seconded, that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Council might resolve itself into committee.

The Council then went into committee to consider the Bill.

The Attorney-General explained that with regard to the last part of the first clause, dealing with fees for the extension of grant of letters patent, it sometimes happened that after the patent had been granted the persons holding it applied for an extension of time, and it was usual to charge a fee for such extension of grant.

Mr. Whitehead asked if it was intended to charge higher fees than at present, and that apparently there was not at present any fee authorized. He wished merely to put the matter on a more satisfactory basis than at present. He believed it originated in this way:—the granting of letters patent was of course optional for the Government, and the Government could make such grants conditional on the payment of certain fees. In that way a charge of \$25 had arisen, but it seemed to him more satisfactory in every way that some specific sanction be given, and a table of fees be drawn up. A great deal of work was involved in the granting of patents, and it was only fair that the applicants should pay in proportion—certainly more than \$25.

The Colonial Secretary said that in his time and his predecessor's the Attorney-General was not allowed any fees, as he had no private practice, and therefore this extra \$25 fee was saved to the patentee. He thought the Government justified in re-imposing that, as well as the original \$25 charge.

Mr. Whitehead said that his only objection in asking the question was for information, and he thought the information given was quite satisfactory.

Mr. Ryrie asked whether it was proposed to make a large increase in the fees.

The Attorney-General said that formerly there was a fee of \$25 for the Attorney-General and a charge of \$25 for the patent, but on looking into the matter he could see no specific authority for that. At that time the Attorney-General had private practice, and it did not make any difference to the Attorney-General, but that was no reason why the Government should not get their \$25. As to the exact amount of the fee he could not make any proposal yet, but thought it should be more than \$25. This was considerably less than in England.

The Bill was then considered in Committee.

On the Council resuming Mr. Keewick said:—Your Excellency, it had been my intention to-day to move the second reading of the Bill, and to say "An Ordinance to amend the law with respect to the sale of shares registered under the Companies Act, 1861 to 1885, and of other joint stock companies." But in consequence of representations made to me yesterday and this morning, I have decided to ask that with the consent of the Council the second reading be postponed. I am aware that a number of gentlemen in this Colony who are interested in this matter are exceedingly anxious to be heard on this subject. A memorial has been drawn up expressing the views of these gentlemen, and therefore I ask the Council to postpone the second reading until such date as may be afterwards appointed.

The second reading was accordingly postponed.

This concluded the business of the Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding, and the following votes were passed:—

Peak Water Supply, \$10,900 (the materials did not arrive until this year, so that last year's vote was not used, and was now re-voted).

Police Launch repairs, \$1,229; owing to the collision a few months ago with the *Dock Co's* launch, which the arbitrator decided was the fault of the police boat, the launch was in charge of a qualified man, but he was discharged.

Chinese Teachers for two Student Interpreters and 5 more at the Civil Hospital, \$450.

Hall a lady to head mistress of girls' school

during voyage out, \$69 35.

Two hundred brass padlocks (Hubb's) for Victoria Gaol \$90; a receipt.

Repairs to Harbour Department steam launch *Duffy*, \$1,100; repairs to *Lily* had exhausted the previous vote; both boats had been at sea seven years.

Reduction of salary of two inspectors in Registrar-General's department, \$805; in accordance with direction of Secretary of State, by which no deduction is to be made for pensions; the pension list being accordingly decreased.

Compassionate allowance to widow and daughters of late Mr. Ribeiro, \$980.

This concluded the business of the Finance Committee.

THE EXPLOSION ON A STEAM-LAUNCH.

MAJESTIC INQUIRY.

At the Magistrate's Court this afternoon, Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Coroner, held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the boiler explosion which occurred on board the steam-launch *Wingwing*, on the 7th instant, resulting in the deaths of Leung Aye, engineer, and Lam Yin, a fireman. The jurors were Messrs. A. C. de Silva, E. C. Ray and A. H. Skelton.

Pok Mun, captain of the launch, said that on the 7th inst. about 5:30 a.m., it was alongside Gibb's wharf, when he received orders to go over to Yau-ma-tei to tow some boats to this side of the harbour. The launch was a tow-boat, and did not carry passengers. She had a crew of six men, including himself. They were all blown up, the engineer and the stoker being killed. When witness received his orders to go to Yau-ma-tei he rang the bell as a signal for the engines to start. The engineer had been told about 5 a.m. that they were going to Yau-ma-tei. The engine was started about 5:30 a.m., when the boiler burst and witness was blown into the water. He did not know whether the fire had been burning all night. He was the steersman. He had passed an examination at the Harbour Office for competency about eight years ago, but did not possess any certificate. He had given his licence to the steersman on board the *Wing Kwaai* for a few days. He formerly steered that launch, and was only a substitute steersman of the *Wingwing*. When he was blown into the water he managed to catch hold of a rope and so saved himself. A coal-barge was alongside the launch, which was blown into the wharf. He was slightly hurt on the hand and at the back of the light ear. The launch was formerly named the *Macao*. He had been on board the launch about twenty days.

Lau Kum Chai, a doctor at the Fung Wah Hospital, said that about 6 a.m. on the 7th inst. one of the deceased was admitted to hospital. He was suffering from severe scalds all over the body. He died the same day at 5:30 p.m. He was beyond recovery when admitted. The injuries were such as would be caused by a boiler explosion.

Dr. Marques, medical officer in charge of post-mortem examinations, said that deceased's face, abdomen, and legs were severely scalded, and the lower jaw, both arms and legs fractured.

Leung Kee, master of the Chee Wo ship, 29p Wing Wo Lane, said that the launch belonged to Chee Wo, of Macao, but on the morning of the explosion belonged to witness. She was formerly a cruiser at Macao, owned by the Macao Government. He bought her last September at Macao, by auction. The Chee Wo ship at Macao bought her. He bought her for \$2,500. He did not know how old she was or where she was built.

Inspector Mathieson said she was built by the Dock Company about twelve years ago.

Witness, on being asked the Chee Wo ship at Macao bought her and sent her down to him. He was not the owner; only the agent. He had received her from her. He produced a paper received from the owner at Macao, forwarded to him at the time the launch was sent to Hongkong. The paper was a receipt of the sale. As far as he knew there was no description given of the launch at the time of the sale by auction. He had never had her surveyed. Whilst she was being used as a tow-boat, he saw the body of the engineer pick up after the explosion. The deceased came from Macao with the launch on the 10th April. He knew the first witness, who was steersman of the *Wingwing* launch. He was not on board the *Wingwing*, because the steersman on her wished to go back to Macao. He had no authority to allow why he changed the steersman from one launch to the other. He saw the fireman at the Tung Wah Hospital.

A juror asked if these launches were not bound to have a certificate of survey?

His Worship said he believed not.

Inspector Mathieson said that two men and a cook who were slightly scalded, had left the colony, and he was not able to produce them.

George Peebles, Government Marine Surveyor, said he had made an examination of the boiler of the launch. He found the top of the furnace very much corroded and opened up by the force of the explosion. He had made calculations, and from them he found it would take about 200 lbs. per square inch to cause the boiler to explode. The rupture was in the solid plate. As far as he could say the safety valves were working, and as far as his examination went he could find nothing to indicate shortness of water. Excessive pressure, he believed, was the cause of the explosion.

This closed the evidence.

The jury unanimously returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and added the following rider:—That all launches plying in Hongkong should be compelled to undergo a periodical survey of engines and boilers similar to that required for passenger launches.

THE SHARE BILL.

To the Editors of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—In connection with the enclosed copy of the Petition of this Association regarding the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law in respect of sales of shares in Companies registered under the Companies Ordinance 1861 to 1885 and in other Joint Stock Companies," I am desirous by the Committee to point out that the second reading of the Bill having appeared so suddenly in the standing orders of the day for the meeting of Council held this afternoon, the petition was very hurriedly drawn up, and consequently is not of such an exhaustive nature as a Memorial which will be ultimately submitted to the Government.

J. Y. V. VERNON, Chairman, Stockbrokers Association of Hongkong, Hongkong, 22nd May, 1891.

TAIWANFOO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

16th May, 1891.

At last we hear that Governor Sir George Bowen is to vacate his post, in accordance with the extremely curt and most sympathetic despatch issued from the Throne.

It now remains to be seen what His Excellency's successor, Shao-yu-tien, will do, both to improve matters and to amend past disasters.

Liu Ming-ch'uan has throughout exhibited a rancour towards foreign interests and disregard of Treaty rights almost unprecedented.

Since he set the example, however, of firing his Ministerial troops at Peking, other high officials in various parts of the Empire have begun to follow his lead, assuming positions of authority. Sir John Walsingham set up his bed-room in the North, would never have been dreamt of.

The list and most fatal emendation, as it is, perhaps, the most audacious monopoly-creation, perpetrated by the retiring Governor, is set forth in the proclamation, a translation of which I append.

By this document it will be seen that His Excellency throws off all disguise and fearlessly champions a monopoly in favour of his own countrymen, running under the style of the "Formosa Trading Co."

All cargo shipped by these steamers is to be taken free. What this amounts to with tea alone can be understood when I remind you that the *lekin* amounts to half the Customs duty, and therefore if shipped by vessels of the Formosa Trading Co. can be laid down in Amoy just that amount cheaper than if shipped by other steamers!

Though, no doubt, one object of this concession is to enable the Government to relax the tax on their own camphor with less show of infringing regulations already insisted on by the Foreign Powers, another great aim is to place the Douglas Company's vessels at a disadvantage, and with the tea season just coming on the heavy handicap is likely to be most severely felt by them. Doubtless the share quotations will very soon emphasise this fact!

Although the proclamation has actually been in force for over two months, we have only now been able to get hold of it, as, of course, things percolate more slowly our way, and the enactment only applies for the present to the north, the Formosa Trading Company not having commenced trading from, or with, the south of the island.

It is not to be assumed, however, that the British Consul at Tamsui can have allowed so very important an assault on his nationals to have escaped notice and interference; and we must, until otherwise advised, take it therefore that though, as far as we know, he has been working silently and secretly, his efforts have been none the less vigorous, and as we devoutly hope, effective. Certain it is that if this or similar attempts are allowed to pass unchecked, dire ruin to one of England's greatest interests in China will be accomplished.

It will be remembered that one or two years ago the China Merchants Company competed sharply with the Douglas Company for the carrying trade in North Formosa, but were worsted in the fight and eventually withdrew their boats. It is now said that the Governor is determined to avert a similar fate from his own steamers. *Hinc illa lacryma.*

The proclamation, apart from the high local interest it must possess for you, is so important from a wider and more general point of view, that I think you will not grudge the extra space required for its publication.

Here it is:—

A proclamation by Acting Prefect Tsai, Director General of the Formosa Trading Company:—

On the 26th February of this year I received the following instructions from the Taitai and Provincial Judge, charged with the management of the *Lekin* Bureau for the whole of Formosa:—

"The official acting as Director of the *Lekin* office should be directed to pass, free of *lekin*, all cargo intended for shipment by the Formosa Trading Company."

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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue, 208 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$63 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 375 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 70 per share, nominal.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$308 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$82 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$98 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$33 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$5 per cent. discount, buyers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$46 per share, sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$186 per share, buyers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$30 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$20 per share, ex div., buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—B—21 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—14 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$125 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$21 per share, nominal.
 Punjion and Sumbul Doo Samantan Mining Co.—\$31 per share, sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—30 cents per share, sales and buyers.
 Imuria Mining Co., Limited—\$101 per share, buyers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Tenquin Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$51 per share, buyers.
 The Seng Koyah Planting Co., Limited—\$131 per share, buyers.
 Crutchfield & Co., Limited—\$35 per share, nominal.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.
 The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$16 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$17 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$85 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sales.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$39 per share, sellers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.
 The Labak Planting Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
 The Lamag Planting Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
 The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sellers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.
 The Shumee Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
 The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—\$2 per share, sellers.
 The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$180 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Marine, Ltd.—nominal.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15, sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—30 per cent. dis., sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$425 per share, buyers.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Suffey*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 18th instant at 4 p.m. and will be expected here on the 23rd.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 7th ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama and will leave for this port on Sunday, the 24th instant.
THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The Indo-China S. N. Co's steamer *Kutang*, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 20th instant and is due here on the 26th.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co's steamer *Empress of India*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama for Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong on the 22nd instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Ancona*, left Nagasaki on the 20th instant, at 6:30 p.m. and is due here on the 24th.
 The Navigators General, Italian steamer *Biango*, from Bombay, left Singapore to-day and may be expected here on or about the 25th instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 VENETIA, British steamer, 1,604 T. F. Cressy, 21st May, Bombay, 4th May, and Singapore 16th, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 FORMOSA, British steamer, 674 T. P. Hall, 22nd May, Swatow 21st May, General—D. Laprak & Co.
CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
 Asaga, Japanese steamer, for Nagasaki.
 Italian, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
 Denar, German steamer, for Saigon.
DEPARTURES.
 May 22, *Glenfruin*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
 May 22, *Bautry*, British steamer, for Cebu.
 May 22, *Alutina*, German str., for Hainan, &c.
 May 22, *Kaitou*, British str., for Singapore.
 May 22, *Falling*, British str., for Shanghai.
 May 22, *Haitan*, British str., for Swatow, &c.
 May 22, *Asaga*, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
 May 22, *Carion*, British str., for Shanghai.
PASSENGERS—ARRIVALS.
 Per *Venetia*, str., from Bombay, &c.—103 Chinese.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
 For Yokohama and Kobe.—Per *Hesperia* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 9:30 A.M.
 For Kutchin.—Per *Collingham* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 11:30 A.M.
 For Amoy and Tamsui.—Per *Formosa* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 11:30 A.M.
 For Amoy, Singapore, Batavia, Samarang, and Sourabaya.—Per *Koningin Emma* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 3:30 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Taiwan.—Per *Thales* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 5:00 P.M.
 For Haiphong.—Per *Haliphong* on Sunday, the 24th instant, at 9:00 A.M.
 For Swatow and Dell.—Per *Tai-chung* on Sunday, the 24th instant, at 9:00 A.M.
 For Singapore.—Per *Frigga* on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 9:30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
 BATAVIA, British steamer, 1,661 T. R. Hill, 14th May, Whampoa 14th May, General—Doddwell, Carrill & Co.
 BELLEFLORE, British steamer, 1,356 Guthrie, 21st May, Shanghai 17th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHEKONG, British steamer, 1,574 G. Payne, 17th May, Saigon 13th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 CHOWA, British steamer, 1,057 F. W. Phillips, 20th May, Bangkok 14th May, General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 COLLINGHAM, British steamer, 1,540 Watson, 20th May, Kutchin 14th May, Coles—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 DEVAWONG, British steamer, 1,057 P. H. Loft, 18th May, Bangkok 14th May, General—Doddwell, Carrill & Co.
 DONAR, German steamer, 1,015 B. Grundmann, 16th May, Saigon 13th May, General—Paddy, Wieler & Co.
 FAME, British steamer, 1,177, Lieut. Wm. G. Comley, R.N.R.—Hongkong Government tender.
 GARLIC, British steamer, 4,200 W. G. Payne, 18th May, San Francisco 25th April, and Yokohama 13th May, Mails and General—C. O. S. S. Co.
 HAIPHONG, French steamer, 845, Bousquet, 19th May, Haiphong 16th May, General—Messageries Maritimes.
 HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,123 L. Madsen, 20th May, Singapore 14th May, General—Stemsen & Co.
 JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865 J. G. Offert, 13th May, Calcutta 26th April, and Singapore 6th May, Ombu and General—Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 KONGHONG, Dutch steamer, 1,070 T. W. Brouwer, 18th May, Singapore 17th May, Sugar and Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 LOO SOK, British steamer, 1,050 A. Benson, 20th May, Glasgow 4th April, Port Said 18th May, Penang 10th May, and Singapore 13th May—Yuen Fat Hong.
 MAUKIANG, British steamer, 1,000, Woolridge, 19th May, Saigon 16th May, General—Chinese.
 PRINCE OF FUJI, British steamer, 1,514, A. Stupard, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 TAIKONG, German steamer, 828, P. Dahme, 20th May, Saigon 16th May, Rice—Meyer & Co.
 THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 21st May, Taiwan 18th May, Amoy 19th, and Swatow 20th, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 TONGSHAN, British steamer, 1,111 J. J. Young, 21st May, Singapore 10th May, and Saigon 17th, Rice and Paddy—Kien Yip Loong.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH OBRI, American bark, 1,376 F. Carleton, 5th March, New York 13th August.
 Kerosene Oil—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.
 ALTAIR, British bark, 300 J. Munro, 6th May, Tamsui 20th April, Coles—Waller & Co.
 AUSTRIA, British bark, 1,105 Geo. N. Davis, 20th April, New York 15th May, Kerosene Oil—Order.
 CAMERDOUN, British ship, 1,107, R. Carland, 10th May, New York 28th Nov., Petroleum.
 Russell & Co.
 COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,425, L. Haaslopp, 21st April, Singapore 20th March, Timber—Melchers & Co.
 DON JUSTO, American bark, 708, B. Neilson, 21st April, Singapore 28th Feb., Timber—Captain.
 ELLERRE, Chinese bark, 457, Optum Examination, bulk, Stouckert's Island—Chinese Customs.
 HYDRA, Danish bark, 786, C. Christensen, 26th April, Hamburg 5th December, General—Carlowitz & Co.
 MCCLAUREN, American ship, 1,373, F. J. Oakes, 28th April, New York 30th November, Petroleum—Order.
 SARA MERRISON, Peruvian schooner, 145, A. Merrison, 4th July, Saigon 17th June, Rice—Captain.
 ST. JAMES, American ship, 1,487, W. D. Barnham, 28th April, Shanghai 21st April, Ballast—Ruppel & Co.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
 JRYE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LIMITED.
 JRYE'S WOOD PRESERVER OR ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special terms for Shipping and large Orders.
 "SH" ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board, London.
 "It is the best Disinfectant in use."
 W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 17th June, 1891.

W. S. MARTEN,
 ARTISTIC DECORATOR,
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 HONGKONG.
 Hongkong, 5th April, 1891.

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ANTIPYRINE.
 (Dose for Adults 15 to 25 grains 4 times.)
 IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING-COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also a very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the medical Faculty. To be had from every reputed Chemist and Druggist. Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature, "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.
 Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agent for China. Beware of spurious imitations!
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 SURGEON DENTIST,
 No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.
 TERMS VERY MODERATE.
 Consultation free.
 Hongkong, 18th March, 1891.

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 FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP AND MODERATE FEES.
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 (Formerly articled Apprentice, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROGERS),
 HAS REMOVED
 TO
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 QUEEN'S ROAD,
 (next to the Telegraph Companies).
 CONSULTATION FREE.
 Hongkong, 7th March, 1891.

NOTICE.
 GRIFFITH'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS
 1, Hoang Road are suitably lighted to produce all styles of Portraiture in any weather. CABINETS from \$5 to a dozen. CARDS DE VISITE from \$3 a dozen. LIFE SIZED BUSTS in Colour, or Black & White.
 IVORY MINIATURES, &c., &c.
 NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG and the Coast Ports are always ready.
 7th Hongkong 24th September, 1891.

NOTICE.
 HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
 SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS
 are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, one of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.
 In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.
 D. GILLIES,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 20th August, 1891.

THE BOA VISTA.
 BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.
 THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one of the best and healthiest parts of Macao, and commanding an admirable view facing the South, was OPENED as a HOTEL on the 1st July.
 Every comfort will be provided for visitors, with excellent cuisine and choice Wines.
 Hot, Cold, Shower, and Sea Water Baths. Large and well ventilated Dining, Billiard, and Reading Rooms, and well supplied Bar.
 A small daily is attached to the premises.
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 Sole Agents for China and Japan.
 Hongkong, 20th August, 1891.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
 MONDAY next, the 25th instant, having been fixed for the celebration of Her Majesty's BIRTHDAY, the Officer Administering the Government, and Mrs. BARKER will hold a reception at Government House on that evening from 10 to 12 p.m. (Full dress).
 Hongkong, 21st May, 1891.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
 NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 THE SECOND CALL OF TWO POUNDS (2s) Sterling per Share is Payable at the temporary Offices of the Bank, No. 7, Praya, on or before 20th June, 1891.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 WM. H. FORBES,
 Chairman.
 Hongkong, 21st May, 1891.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
 IN view of forthcoming matches there will be 20 competitions TO-MORROW, the 23rd inst., but the range will be open for practice. Members of the team are requested to obtain as much practice as possible before the day of the match, which will probably be THURSDAY, the 28th inst. The following members have been selected to represent the Association: Messrs. Ford, Robinson and Wooding; Lt. Grant and Col. Sergeant Boyd and Mack of the 1st A. & S. Highlanders; P. C. McClelland, P. C. Watson, and Sergt. Robertson of the Police; and Lt. Lloyd, R.E.

FRANK COLLINS,
 Hon. Secretary.
 Hongkong, 21st May, 1891.

BANK HOLIDAY.
 IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 25th instant, the day appointed in this colony for the celebration of the Anniversary of the BIRTHDAY of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.
 JOHN THURBURN,
 Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.
 T. H. WHITEHEAD,
 Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
 F. DE ROVIS,
 Acting Chief Manager.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED,
 E. W. RUTTER,
 Manager.

For the COMPTON NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
 L. GLENAT,
 Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
 DE WESTLEY LAYTON,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 19th May, 1891.

NOTICE.
 THE JELEBU MINING AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.
 A DIVIDEND of 15% for the half year closing 31st February, 1891, having been declared, Coupon No. 2 is PAYABLE at the Branches of the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited, in Hongkong and Singapore on and after to-day as follows:—
 Lot A for 50 Shares with \$12.50
 " B " 20 " " 5.00
 " C " 5 " " 1.25
 HUTTENBACH BROTHERS & Co.,
 General Agents.
 Singapore, 30th April, 1891.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
 HONGKONG DERBY, 1892.
 THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE will be weight for inches, not for stone, as heretofore.
 E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
 Clerk of the Course.
 Hongkong, 17th March, 1891.

Auctions.
 PUBLIC AUCTION
 OF
 HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
 THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, the 23rd May, 1891, commencing at 2:30 p.m., at No. 12, College Chambers, THE PROPERTY of a Gentleman leaving the Colony, THE WHOLE of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—
 TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, &c.; PIANO by CHAPPEL & CO., in good order, WRITING TABLE, RUGS, REFRIGERATOR, MIRROR, ROUND TABLE, CROCKERY AND GLASS WARE, &c., &c.
 DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD and Patent WIGWAG MATRESS and BEDDING, Marble-top WASHING STAND, DRESSING TABLE & SET, Handsomely CARVED WARDROBE, with BEVELED GLASS.
 ICE CHEST, SHANGHAI BATH, &c., &c.
 The above will be on view on Saturday A.M. TERMS OF SALE—As customary.
 G. R. LAMBERT,
 Auctioneer.
 Hongkong, 21st May, 1891.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
 THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on
 TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1891, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.
 By Command,
 W. M. DEANE,
 Acting Colonial Secretary.
 Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Hongkong, 9th May, 1891.

Particulars of the Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1891, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registry No.	Locality.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent per Acre.	Best Use.
1	Quarry Bay	Approximate area—		
2	Marble Shaukiwan	Approximate area—		
3	Lot 10.	Approximate area—		

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
 TO LET,
 KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

HOUSES with 5 ROOMS, including Bath-rooms, Tennis Courts. Good view and Healthy situation. Rent and Taxes \$32, a month.

Apply to
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 Hongkong, 24th March, 1891.

TO LET,
 With Immediate Possession.
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OFFICES—above Messrs. Douglas, Laprak & Co.'s Premises.
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 16th December, 1890.

TO LET,
 TOGETHER or subdivided from 1st June next, HOUSE No. 5, Chancery Lane with 10 Rooms and Bath Rooms. Two separate entrances.
 Apply to
 J. M. V. DE FIGUEIREDO,
 No. 5, Calne Road.
 Hongkong, 2nd May, 1891.

TO LET,
 NOS. 9, 11, & 13, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
 HOUSE in Pokfulam Road, "Nullah Side," ROOMS in College Chambers, No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET. OFFICES and CHAMBERS in Connaught House, Queen's Road Central. OFFICES in Victoria Buildings.
 No. 3, PEDDER'S HILL.
 Apply to
 DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
 Hongkong, 1st May, 1891.

TO LET,
 NOS. 25 & 27, ELGIN STREET, behind the Old Union Church.
 Apply to
 ACHEE & Co.
 Hongkong, 25th February, 1891.

TO LET,
 BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.
 R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on to be let Furnished or Unfurnished.
 Apply to
 HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 12th May, 1891.

TO BE LET.
 A N exceedingly comfortable and cool 6 ROOMED HOUSE.
 Apply to
 THE SECRETARY,
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TO BE LET OR SOLD.
 On favourable terms, with immediate Possession.
 EIGHT HOUSES at "Mountain View," Peak District, near Plunkett's Gap. If sold, part of the Purchase money can remain on Mortgage.
 Apply to
 JOHN A. JUPP,
 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central,
 Hongkong, 20th May, 1891.

Hotels.
BAY VIEW HOTEL.
 M. R. OSBORNE begs to announce that this convenient half-way House on Shau-wan Road is now open.

THE HOTEL commands a beautiful View, and is situated in a cool and breezy spot. There is a convenient landing jetty opposite the Hotel for launches.

The best Brands of WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, &c., always on Stock. MEALS can be served at any hour. Prompt attendance.
 Hongkong, 14th May, 1891.

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
 A SELECT FAMILY and RESIDENTIAL HOTEL, situated 1,400 feet above the sea level, commanding on the one side a magnificent view of the Harbour with the Mainland in the distance, and on the other of hills and mountains, with the sea beyond dotted with islands as far as the eye can reach, surrounded by extensive lawns and pleasure grounds, including three good Tennis Courts. The Mount Promenade alone is nearly an acre in extent, and the Flagstaff in its centre can be seen from a great distance in every direction. The Hotel is replete with every accommodation for Families and Gentlemen. The Manager, Mr. ROBERT ISHERWOOD, will be assisted by an Efficient Lady Staff, and the Hotel will be conducted upon the best English system. The accommodation comprises a spacious Dining Hall, Private Dining Rooms, Drawing, Reading, Smoking, Grill, Billiard, and Private Sitting Rooms, with Fifty-four Bedrooms each provided with separate Bath-room and every convenience. Tramway Tickets will be supplied to Visitors at Reduced Rates. The Hotel will Open on or about the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. For terms apply to the Secretary at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 30th April, 1891.

THE SHAMKIN HOTEL.
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THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors. The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Room, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East. The Table d'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert hands. Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.

A. F. DE ROZARIO,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 14th November, 1890.

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J. Blackhead & Co.,
 SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,
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 FLENSBURG STOCK BEER, ENGINEERS' and BLACKSMITHS' MACHINERY and TOOLS. EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES and REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.
 AT
 REASONABLE PRICES.
 ALL KINDS OF
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 Hongkong, 25th March, 1891.

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 THE Schooner "MONTIARA,"
 Length.....75 feet.
 Beam.....18 "
 Depth of hold.....7 "
 Registered tonnage.....75 tons.
 (Owing to recent alterations the carrying capacity of the *Montiara* has been increased to about 120 tons dead weight.)
 The *Montiara* was built in Singapore, and is most solidly constructed of teak throughout, with iron-work frames. She has recently been thoroughly overhauled under experienced European superintendence, fastened throughout with 7 inch galvanised spikes, and newly re-coppered. She is lurcha-rigged with the best canvas sails. Draft of water 7 feet.
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 AN ANTISEPTIC PAINT for the Preservation of Wood, Walls, Ropes, and Ship's Tackle. May be applied to Beam, Floor, Wall, Ceiling, Wooden Ornament, Ropes, Ropes, Wooden Sheds, Farmers' and Gardeners' Implements, Carriage, Posts, Fences, Stables, Gates, Bridges, Boats, and all Timber underground. Effectually excludes all dampness from walls painted with it and entirely prevents the crumbling away and decay of both stone and bricks. White and does not touch wood painted with Carbolineum Avenerius. Used during the last 14 years with the utmost success, as proved by numerous Testimonials from living authorities. Sold in casks of about 45 lbs. net. Price 8 cents per lb.
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 Teacher of Officers and Engineers,
 No. 15, WINDHAM STREET,
 Opposite Central Police Station.

CANDIDATES prepared for the MARINE BOARD EXAMINATIONS.
 Author of the "NEW NAVIGATION,"
 And an "Authentic" for Engineers, &c.,
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 Suits for Gentlemen, or large size. Suits for Ladies, or small size. Windless less than a dozen turns. \$4.75. Jewelled, Dust-proof, Keyless, with each, all the latest improvements. A perfect and unrivalled timekeeper; reliable, durable and accurate, and also
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 THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA,
 Sole Agents in Japan, China, Corea, Hongkong & Macao.
 No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
 Hongkong, 20th February, 1890.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
 NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG DISPENSARY, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 9 p.m., to Confirm the Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 14th inst.